प्राप्त हुए हैं, इन जिलों की अग्रणी बैंकों, क्रमशः यूनियन बैंक आफ इण्डिया तथा बैंक आफ बड़ौदा ने किसी भी ग्रामीण केन्द्र के लिए आवेदन नहीं दिए हैं । जहां तक अर्द्ध शहरी क्षेत्रों में बैंक शाखाएं खोलने का प्रश्न है, उपर्युक्त प्रत्येक जिले के अग्रणी बैंक ने अपने बैंकों के लिए भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक की शाखाओं के लिए आवेदन किए नहीं किए हैं तथापि, बैंक रहित/बैंकों की कमी वाले स्थानों की, पहचान करने के उद्देश्य से गठित कार्य दल द्वारा पहचाने गए शहरी क्षेत्रों में भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक ने फैजाबाद, जौनपुर तथा गाजीपुर जिलों में बैंकों को शहरी केन्द्र आबंटित किए हैं, जिन के ब्यौरे नीचे दिए गए हैं :—

जिले का नाम	बैंक का नाम, जिसे आबंटित है
फैजाबाद	1. बैंक आफ बड़ौदा
	2. इण्डियन ओवरसीज बैंक
	3. यूनाइटेड बैंक आफ इण्डिया
जौनपुर	1. बैंक आफ बड़ौदा
	2. केनरा बैंक
गाजीपुर	1. पंजाब नेशनल बैंक
	2. भारतीय स्टेट बैंक
	3. सेन्ट्रल बैंक आफ इण्डिया
	4. यूनियन बैंक आफ इण्डिया
	5. नैनीताल बैंक लि०
	6. काशीनाथ सेठ बैंक लि०

Cut in aid given *by* Germany

768. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that this year's aid package was slashed during Indo-Ger-man aid negotiations;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is accumulation of unutilised development assistance pledged to India during the last several years by Germany;

(c) whether the German Development Aid Ministry has expressed its concern about the accumulation of unutilised aid ;

(d) if so, how much amount was received by India as financial and technical assistance from Germany and how much is unutilised;

(e) whether Germany had been giving high priority for the development of infrastructure by promoting big economic sectors;

(f) if so, whether Germany wants to shift their aid to the development of socia infrastructure ; and

(g) if so, what are the reasons therefor'

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THI MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHR RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Commit ment of financial cooperation funds ha been reduced by Germany from the earlie: annual commitment of DM 395 million t< DM 350 million for the year 1992.

(b) and (d) There is an inherent time lag between the commitment of funds and their utilisation in view of the procedural requirements on both sides. For the pre seritly ongoing projects the German Govt. have committed an amount of DM 2.4 billion out of which an amount of DM 1.63 billion has been utilised thereby leaving a balance of approximately 0.77 billion. Loans for which project agreements have yet to be concluded amount to DM 0.8 billion. Technical assistance includes the value of services which are not quantified by Germany and hence no precise figure can be given.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) and (g) Both India and Germany agree on the need for maximum possible support to social infrastructure.

Proposal to Remove restriction .under FERA

769. SHRI S. MADHAVAN : Will the minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government consideration to remove the restrictions, under the Foreign Exchange Regulation Act relating to prohibition of commercial activities by foreign collaborators and prohibition on real estate acquisition :

(b) whether it is a fact that the multinational companies insist on removal of these restrictions;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Japanese, industrialists want the removal of these restrictions to attract free flow of foreign investment in India; and

(d) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto and what action has been taken (hereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR) : (a) to (d) The Reserve Bank of India, on 29th January, 1992, issued notifications under Section 28 and 29 of FERA, 1973 granting general permissions to FERA companies (i.e. companies with more than 40% non-resident interest) to accept appointment as a joint or technical or management adviser of any person or company in India, to permit its trade mark to be used and to carry on in India any activity of a trading, commercial or industrial nature. FERA companies have also been granted general permission by the Reserve Bank of India under Section 26(7) of FERA, 1973, to borrow money and accept deposits in India. General permission has also been granted under Section 31 of FERA 1973 to deal in immovable property in India. By virtue of these general permissions, FERA companies in their operations in India have been placed on par with Indian companies and are not subjected to any special rectric-tions under FERA, 1973.

Relief Provided to State Governments under Agriculture Loan Waiver Scheme

770. SHRI S. MADHAVAN:
SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY:
SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the quantum of relief granted by the Central Government under the "Waiver of Agricultural Loans" scheme upto March, 1992 ;

(b) what is the quantum of amount given to various State Governments to implement the scheme in relation to cooperative loans upto March 1992, State-wise ;

(c) whether the amount given to State Governments is recoverable or an outright grant;

(d) whether the claims of State Governments under this scheme are pending; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Under the Agricultural and Rural Debt Relief (ARDR) Scheme, 1990, which has already come to an end on 31-3-1991, the total amount of relief